

**conundrum**[kəˈnʌndrəm] *n*

головоломка, загадка

to speak in conundrums - говорить загадками

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**con·un·drum** [conundrum conundrums] *BrE* [kəˈnʌndrəm] *n* *NAmE*[kəˈnʌndrəm] *noun*

1. a confusing problem or question that is very difficult to solve
2. a question, usually involving a trick with words, that you ask for fun

**Syn:** ↑riddleWord Origin:

late 16th cent.: of unknown origin, but first recorded in a work by Thomas Nashe, as a term of abuse for an eccentric or pedant, later coming to denote a whim or fancy, also a pun. Current senses date from the late 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- The role of clouds is one of the big conundrums of climatology.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**co·nun·drum** /kəˈnʌndrəm/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. a confusing and difficult problem:  
the conundrum of our purpose on Earth
2. a trick question asked for fun **SYN** riddle

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